

What I claim is:

1. A laryngeal mask airway comprising a tubular portion and a mask portion at a patient end of said tubular portion, said mask portion being of a polymeric material, wherein at least a posterior surface at a patient end of said mask portion is coated with a hydrophilic material such that said posterior surface becomes slippery when wetted, either in the patient or after treatment with an aqueous medium.
2. A laryngeal mask according to Claim 1, wherein said mask portion is of PVC.
3. A laryngeal mask according to Claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic material is of a polymer or copolymer.
4. A laryngeal mask according to Claim 1, wherein said hydrophilic material is selected from a group comprising polyvinylpyrrolidenes, polyurethanes, polyvinyl alcohol and polyethylene glycol.
5. A laryngeal mask airway comprising: a tubular portion; a mount of PVC secured with a patient end of said tubular portion; and an inflatable cuff secured with said mount, wherein at least a posterior surface at a patient end of said mount is coated with a hydrophilic polymer or copolymer such that said posterior surface becomes slippery when wetted, either in the patient or after treatment with an aqueous medium.